

CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, A COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

Approved Minutes for May 21, 2009 at North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps, 15 Main Street
Canaan, CT

Attendance: C. Cormier-Cleaveland, A. Downs, R. Corrigan, S. Kosciusko, W. Minacci,
J. Paretzky, S. Mudge

Guests: J. Canfield, D. Martin, A. Morton, T. Schmidt, K. Peterson, M. Geyselaers, J. Speck

(6:30- 7PM introduction to North Canaan Volunteer Ambulance Corps by its Chief Bill Minacci
NCVAC EMS was form in 1976 and runs about 658 calls per year. The service has both
volunteers and paid staff. It is at the EMT-I level. Funding comes from billing for service and the
fund raisers. The service has just completed the construction of its new building with funds they
had, no federal, state or town funds were used. Transports are made to hospitals in Connecticut
and Massachusetts. The service has a tax abatement and checks for those that don't pay
property taxes.

Meeting called to order at 7PM by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

The minutes for the Volunteer Meeting on March 12, 2009 at the Ellington Volunteer Ambulance
Corps, Ellington, CT **Approved**

Chair Report

The request from the Volunteer Committee to have all MRT and EMT certifications be for three
years was attached to a technical bill currently at the Capitol. We are not sure if it will be
approved, the request was backed by OEMS. Andrea Downs reported EMT-I's were included in
the bill

The Volunteer Committee requested that the minimum staffing for all levels of EMS in CT would
be changed to allow an MRT and any level EMT (B, I, and P) make up the minimum staffing
requirements. The EMT B, I or P would be responsible for patient care during transport.

The Chair is collecting comments, pro and con from Service Chiefs for his proposal.

CORC submitted a proposal to the Advisory Board and state Legislators out-lining is plan to
continue the Regional Councils with funding reduced by 20% from \$675,000 per year to
\$540,000 for all five councils. The plan also shows efficiencies by having one audit, one
accounting system, one contract and a reduction of duplication of administrative functions. The
Councils will focus on the core missions, testing, providing assistance to EMS organizations and
support the easing of administrative burden on Connecticut's volunteers.

The Advisory board voted to support CORC'S plan.

Motion for the Volunteer Committee to support the CORC plan was made, vote taken-

APPROVED

EMS-C has asked for suggestions for training. Suggestions were: PEP on line programs, Cardiac, Special needs, MCI and respiratory training for pediatric patients.

The current list of active EMS personnel as of 5/19/2009 was distributed. Discussion followed to see how we can get a better picture of just how many are really active in EMS services.

Bob Corrigan spoke about a letter he wrote to Senator Toni Harp asking for support to fund the five councils, under CORC's proposal.

The Chair discussed the need for an independent study of EMS and OEMS, and that State Representative Roberta Willis and Senator Andrew Roraback have backed our request. Roberta Willis e-mailed the Chair saying that the study was not approved at this time.

CT OEMS reports for April and May, 2009 reviewed.

CT EMS Advisory Board activities reported by the Chair.

New business: Skip Kosciusko reported on a meeting with the Commissioner of Public Health, OEMS and members of the Northwestern Council of Governments on May 18, 2009.

The agenda covered recruitment and retention of EMS Volunteers, re-certification of EMT's, EMT's to practice at their level of certification or license, National versus State standards of service and EMT classes in high schools. Discussion followed on each agenda item with the Commissioner supporting continued action by OEMS to help EMS in the region.

The next meeting is June 11 at Strom Engine Company Ambulance Corps, 151 Olivia Street Derby CT 6:30- 7 PM Light refreshments 7-9 PM meeting

2009 meeting schedule locations to be announced: September 10 and November 12

Adjourned 2030

Jay B. Paretsky Chair CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board

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